



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL S. LOWE

Lieutenant Colonel Michael S. Lowe is currently serving as the Commandant, United States Air Force Special Operations School (USAFSOS). The mission of USAFSOS is to deliver United States Special Operations Command and Air Force education strategy through professional development, operational military education, and language training. USAFSOS develops and conducts resident and off-station joint, interagency, and multinational special operations courses with focus areas in command and control, language, cultural and geopolitical regional orientation, security cooperation, anti-terrorism, and irregular warfare to provide operational readiness for special operations forces. USAFSOS also supports education requests from other Department of Defense and governmental organizations and participates in educational outreach initiatives to select foreign military partners.



Lieutenant Colonel Lowe was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps and graduated from the University of Florida in 1999. He earned his pilot rating through Undergraduate Pilot Training at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi NAS, Texas. Lieutenant Colonel Lowe is an evaluator and instructor pilot with over 3,900 hours in the C-146, C-145, PC-12, MC-130H, C-130H, C-130E, T-44, and T-37 and has served in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NOBLE EAGLE, NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM-PHILIPPINES, ENDURING FREEDOM-TRANS SAHEL and WILLING SPIRIT. Prior to this assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Lowe served as the Chief of Staff for Operations in the Directorate of Strategic Operational Planning at the National Counterterrorism Center. Lieutenant Colonel Lowe is married to the former Rebeca Winnett of Corrales, NM. The Lowes have one child, Sarah.

EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management, University of Florida, Gainesville
- 1999 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2007 Master of Science in Business Administration and Management, Trident University, Cypress, California
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, by correspondence
- 2012 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1999–November 1999: Pilot Trainee, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia
2. November 1999–August 2000: Student 01-05, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Mississippi
3. August 2000–June 2001: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Transition Officer, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas
4. June 2001 – November 2001: Pilot, C-130 Initial Qualification, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas
5. November 2001 – October 2004: C-130H Aircraft Commander, 39th Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
6. October 2004 – April 2005: Pilot, MC-130H Initial Qualification, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
7. April 2005 – October 2007: MC-130H Aircraft Commander, 15th Special Operations Squadron; Special Missions Planner, 1 Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida
8. October 2007 – January 2012: PC-12 and C-145 Evaluator Pilot; Assistant Operations Officer, 318th Special Operations Squadron; Non-Standard Aviation Standards & Evaluations Branch Chief, 27th Special Operations Group; Commander, 318th Expeditionary Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, New Mexico
9. January 2012 – April 2014: Executive Officer; Deputy Branch Chief of Capability Development, Directorate of Force Management and Development, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida
10. April 2014 – June 2016: Chief of Staff of Operations, Directorate of Strategic Operational Planning, National Counterterrorism Center, McLean, Virginia
11. June 2016 – Present: Vice Commandant, U.S. Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field, Florida

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2012 – April 2014: Executive Officer; Deputy Branch Chief of Capability Development, Directorate of Force Management and Development, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida, as a major
2. April 2014 – June 2016: Chief of Staff of Operations, Directorate of Strategic Operational Planning, National Counterterrorism Center, McLean, VA, as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight Hours: More than 3,900 Total Hours (including more than 830 combat hours)
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-44, C-130E, C-130H, MC-130H, C-145, C-146

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant: May 22, 1999
First Lieutenant: May 22, 2001
Captain: May 22, 2003
Major: November 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel: April 1, 2014